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OFFICE OF
INSPECTOR GENERAL

Mr. George LeVines
c/o MuckRock News
DEPT MR 2813
PO Box 55819
Boston, Massachusetts 02205-5819

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request (EPA-HQ-2013-003677)

Dear Mr. LeVines:

This letter responds to your Freedom of Information Act request to the Environmental Protection Agency Office of Inspector General dated February 12, 2013, seeking "a printout/list/digital file of the OIG investigations closed during calendar year 2012."

Documents responsive to your request are enclosed. Redactions of information have been made to the documents pursuant to the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. §§ 552 (b)(5), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) and (b)(7)(E).

Exemption (b)(5) exempts from disclosure inter-agency or intra-agency memoranda or letters which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency. This exemption generally allows agencies to exempt those documents that are privileged in the context of civil discovery. Certain documents include redactions withheld pursuant to the deliberative process privilege, which protects the decision making processes of government agencies.

Exemption (b)(6) exempts from disclosure any information the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. Exemption (b)(7)(c) provides protection for personal information in law enforcement records the disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. Names and other personal identifying information have been withheld pursuant to Exemptions (b)(6) and (b)(7)(c).

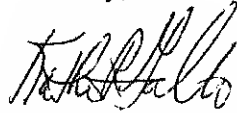
Exemption (b)(7)(E) allows agencies to protect from disclosure all law enforcement information that would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions or which would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigation or prosecutions if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law.

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIA. See 5 U.S.C. § 552(c) (2006 & Supp. IV 2010). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

If you consider this to be a partial denial, you may appeal this denial to the Counsel to the Inspector General, Office of Counsel, Office of Inspector General, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Mail Code (2411T), Washington, D.C. 20460; Fax: (202) 566-0870; email: oig_foia@epa.gov. The appeal must be made in writing and must be submitted no later than 30 calendar days from the date of this letter. The appeal letter and its envelope should include the FOIA number listed above and be marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

If you have any questions concerning this matter, you may contact Scott Levine, OIG FOIA Officer at (202) 566-0641.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K. R. Gallo", written over a horizontal line.

Katherine R. Gallo
Senior Associate Counsel

Enclosures

cc: FOIA Office